OATHS (IRELAND).

RETURNS to Three ORDERS of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated respectively 22 April 1844, 30 April and 19 May 1845;—*for*,

RETURN "of any OATH taken by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, or the Lord Chancellors of *England* or *Ireland*, previous to entering on the Duties of their Office:"

COPIES "of all OATHS now administered in *Ireland*, to Persons professing the Protestant Religion, previous to being called to the Bar, or acting as Justices of the Peace;—Also, of all OATHS administered to the Directors of the Bank of *Ireland*:"

RETURN "of the OATHS taken by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, previous to entering on the Duties of their respective Offices."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 12 *June* 1845.

RETURN of any OATH taken by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, or the Lord Chancellors of *England* or *Ireland*, previous to entering on the Duties of their Office.

The OATH of a LORD CHANCELLOR of *Great Britain*.

YOU shall swear that you shall well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady The Queen and Her people in the office of Chancellor of Great Britain; and you shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of this realm; and truly you shall counsel The Queen, and Her counsel you shall lain and keep; and you shall not know nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of The Queen, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any means, as far forth as you may let; and if you may let it, you shall make it clearly and expressly known to The Queen with your true advice and counsel; and that you shall do and purchase The Queen's profit in all that you may. All which you shall do to the best of your skill and knowledge,

As GOD shall help you.

The OATHS to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me GOD.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murthered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me GOD.

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The clerk of the Crown administers the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Oath of Office, to the Lord Chancellor of England, upon his taking his seat for the first time during term, after his appointment, in the Court of Chancery at Westminster.

The Oath of Office is as follows:

"Ye shall swear that well and truly ye shall serve Our Sovereign Lady The Queen and Her people in the office of Chancellor, and ye shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of this realm; and truly ye shall counsel The Queen, and Her counsel ye shall layne and keep; and ye shall not know nor suffer the hurt nor disheriting of The Queen, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any mean as farr-forth as ye may let it, and if ye may not let it, ye shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to The Queen, with your true advice and counsel; and that ye shall do and purchase The Queen's profit in all that ye reasonably may, as God you help, and by the contents of this Book."

(signed) *L. Edmunds,*
Clerk of the Crown.

Crown-office, 2 May 1844.

COPIES of all Oaths now administered in *Ireland*, to Persons professing the Protestant Religion, previous to being called to the Bar, or acting as Justices of the Peace;—Also, of all Oaths administered to the Directors of the Bank of *Ireland*.

Barristers' Oaths.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or by any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any person whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, prelate, state or potentate hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do voluntarily and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the descendants of the person pretended to be Prince of Wales, during the lifetime of the late King James the Second, and who, since his decease, pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland, by the name of James the Eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britain, hath any right or title to the Crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them; and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against Her person, crown, or dignity: and I will use my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty and Her successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know against Her, or any of them: and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support, maintain, and defend the succession of the Crown against the descendants of the said James, and against all other persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act entitled, "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown

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Crown and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electoress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants. And all those things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear according to the express words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever: and I do make this acknowledgment, recognition, abjuration, renunciation and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will not knowingly or willingly suffer any barrister-at-law, attorney, solicitor, or any other person, who, by any Act of Parliament made in this kingdom, is disqualified to practise as a barrister-at-law, attorney, or solicitor, to act or practise in my name, in any cause, suit, or matter, in any court of law or equity in this kingdom.

So help me God.

Magistrates' Oaths.

Ye shall swear that, as justice of the peace, within the county of , in all articles of The Queen's commission to you directed, you shall do equal right to the poor and to the rich, after your cunning, wit, and power, and after the laws and customs of this realm, and statutes thereof made; and ye shall not be of counsel with any person in any quarrel hanging before you, and that ye hold your sessions after the form of the statutes thereof made; and the issues, fines, and amerciaments that shall happen to be made, and all forfeitures that shall fall before you, ye shall cause to be entered without any concealment or embezzlement, and truly send them to The Queen's Exchequer. Ye shall not let for gift or any other cause, but well and truly ye shall do your office of justice of the peace in that behalf, and that you take nothing for your office of justice of the peace to be done, but of The Queen's, and fees accustomed, and costs limited by the statute: and ye shall not direct or cause to be directed any warrants by you to be made to the parties, but you shall direct them to the bailiffs of the said county, or other The Queen's officers or ministers, or other indifferent persons, to do execution thereof.

So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or by any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed, or murdered by their subjects, or by any other person whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, prelate, person, state or potentate, hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me God.

(A true copy.)

(signed) *C. Fitz-Simon*,
Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

8 May 1845.

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Governor's Oath of Stock.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that the sum of 4,000*l.*, late Irish currency sterling, of the capital stock of the body politic called by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, whereof I am appointed or elected to be Governor, doth at this time belong to me in my own right, and not in trust for any other person or persons.

So help me God.

Deputy Governor's Oath of Stock.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that the sum of 3,000*l.*, late Irish currency, of the capital stock of the body politic called by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, whereof I am appointed or elected to be Deputy Governor, doth at this time belong to me in my own right, and not in trust for any other person or persons.

So help me God.

Director's Oath of Stock.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that the sum of 2,000*l.*, late Irish currency sterling, of the capital stock of the body politic called by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, whereof I am appointed or elected to be a Director, doth at this time belong to me in my own right, and not in trust for any other person or persons whatsoever.

So help me God.

Proprietor's Oath of Stock.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that the sum of 500 *l.*, late Irish currency, of the capital stock of the body politic called by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, doth at this time belong to me, and hath for the space of six calendar months belonged to me, in my own right, and not in trust for any other person or persons.

So help me God.

Governor's Oath to the Company.

I, *A. B.*, being nominated or elected to be Governor of the Company of the Bank of Ireland, do promise and swear that I will, to the utmost of my power, by all lawful ways and means, endeavour to support and maintain the body politic of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, and the liberties and privileges thereof; and that in the execution of said office of Governor, I will faithfully and honestly demean myself to the best of my skill and understanding.

So help me God.

Deputy Governor's Oath to the Company.

I, *A. B.*, being nominated or elected to be Deputy Governor of the Company of the Bank of Ireland, do promise and swear that I will, to the utmost of my power, by all lawful ways and means, endeavour to support and maintain the body politic of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, and the liberties and privileges thereof; and that in the execution of the said office of Deputy Governor, I will faithfully and honestly demean myself according to the best of my skill and understanding.

So help me God.

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Director's Oath to the Company.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that in the office of a Director of the Corporation or Company of the Bank of Ireland I will be indifferent and equal to all manner of persons, and I will give my best advice and assistance for the support and good government of the said corporation; and in the execution of the said office of Director I will faithfully and honestly demean myself according to the best of my skill and understanding.

So help me God.

Proprietor's Oath to the Company.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I will be faithful to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, whereof I am a member, and in all general courts, when and so often as I shall be present, will, according to the best of my skill and understanding, give my advice, counsel, and assistance, for the support and good government of the said corporation.

So help me God.

Oath of Allegiance prescribed to be taken by the Governor, Deputy Governor, Directors, and Proprietors, being Protestants.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me God.

Oath of Abjuration prescribed to be taken by the Governor, Deputy Governor, Directors, and Proprietors, being Protestants.

I, *A. B.*, do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare in my conscience before God and the world, that Our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria is lawful and rightful Queen of this realm, and all other Her Majesty's dominions and countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the descendants of the person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James the Second, and, since his decease, pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth, or the style or title of King of Great Britain, hath any right or title whatever to the Crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them: and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against Her person, Crown, or dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty and Her successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know to be against Her or any of them: and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support, maintain, and defend the succession of the Crown against the descendants of the said James, and against all other persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act entitled, "An Act for the further Limita-

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tion of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the heirs of her body being Protestants: and all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express words by me spoken, and according to the plain common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever; and I do make this recognition, acknowledgment, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

Oath of Allegiance prescribed to be taked by the Governor, Deputy Governor, Directors, and Proprietors, being Roman-Catholics.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made against Her person, crown, or dignity: and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against Her or them: and I do faithfully promise to maintain, support, and defend to the utmost of my power the succession of the Crown, which succession, by an Act, intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress of Hanover, and the heirs of her body being Protestants, hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of this realm: and I do further declare that it is not an article of my faith, and that I do renounce, reject, and abjure the opinion that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any other authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or by any person whatsoever: and I do declare that I do not believe that the Pope of Rome, or any other foreign prince, prelate, person, state, or potentate hath or ought to have any temporal or civil jurisdiction, power, superiority, or pre-eminence, directly or indirectly, within this realm. I do swear that I will defend to the utmost of my power the settlement of property within this realm as established by the laws; and I do hereby disclaim, disavow, and solemnly abjure any intention to subvert the present Church Establishment as settled by law within this realm: and I do solemnly swear, that I never will exercise any privilege to which I am or may become entitled, to disturb or weaken the Protestant religion or Protestant government in the United Kingdom: and I do solemnly, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words of this oath, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever.

So help me God.

I certify that the foregoing are the Oaths prescribed to be respectively taken by the Governor, Deputy Governor, Directors, and Proprietors of the Bank of Ireland.

(signed) *Wm. Graves*, Sec.

Bank of Ireland, 6 May 1845.

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RETURN of the OATHS taken by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, previous to entering on the Duties of their respective Offices.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S OATH.

YOU shall swear that you shall faithfully and truly, to your power, serve Our Sovereign Lady The Queen's Majesty, in the room and authority of Lord Lieutenant and Chief Governor of this Her realm of Ireland; you shall maintain and defend the laws of God, and the Christian faith; you shall, to your power, not only keep Her Majesty's peace amongst Her people, but also maintain Her officers and ministers in the execution and administration of justice; you shall defend Her Majesty's castles, garrisons, dominions, people, and subjects of this realm, and repress Her rebels and enemies; you shall not consent to the damage and disherison of Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors, neither shall you suffer the right of the Crown to be destroyed by any way, but shall let it to your power, and if you cannot let the same, you shall certify Her Majesty clearly and expressly thereof; you shall give your true and faithful counsel for the Queen's Majesty's profit, and Her Highness's counsel you shall conceal and keep; all other things for the preservation of Her Majesty's realm of Ireland, the peace amongst Her people, and execution of Her justice, according to Her Majesty's laws, usages, and customs of this Her Highness's realm, you shall perform and do to your power.

So help you GOD, and the Contents of this Book.

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me GOD.

THE OATH OF SUPREMACY.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state or potentate, hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me GOD.

THE OATH OF ABJURATION.

I, *A. B.*, do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare in my conscience, before God and the world, that Our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria is lawful and rightful Queen of this realm, and all other Her Majesty's dominions and countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the descendants of the person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life of the late King James the Second, and since his decease pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland, by the name of James the Eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britain, hath any right or title whatsoever to the Crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them: and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her

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will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against Her person, crown, or dignity: and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty and her Successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know to be against her or any of them: and I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my power, to support, maintain, and defend the succession of the Crown against the descendants of the said James, and against all persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act intituled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electoress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of Her body, being Protestants: and all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express words by me spoken, and according to the plain common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever: and I do make this recognition, acknowledgment, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

(signed) *M. W. Savage*,
Clerk of the Council.

Council Office, Dublin Castle,
23 May 1845.

Oaths taken by the Lord Chancellor.

You shall swear that well and truly you shall serve Our Sovereign Lady The Queen and Her people in the office of Chancellor of Her Highness's realm of Ireland; and you shall do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, after the laws and usages of this realm; and truly you shall counsel The Queen, and Her counsel you shall leyne and keep; and you shall not know nor suffer the hurt nor disinheriting of The Queen, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any means, as far forth as you may let it, and if you may not let it, you shall make it clearly and expressly to be known to The Queen with your true advice and counsel; and that you shall do and purchase The Queen's profit in all that you reasonably may,

As God you help, and by the Contents of this Book.

I, *A. B.*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do swear that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or by any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or by any other person whomsoever: and I do believe that no foreign prince, prelate, person, state, or potentate, hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do voluntarily and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the descendants of the person pretended to be Prince of Wales during the lifetime of the late King James the Second, and who, since his decease, pretended to be and took upon himself the style and title of King of England, by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland, by the name of James the Eighth, or the style and title of King of Great Britain, hath

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hath any right or title to the Crown of this realm, or any other the dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them: and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against Her person, crown, or dignity: and I will use my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty and Her successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I shall know against Her, or any of them: and I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my power, to support, maintain, and defend the succession of the Crown against the descendants of the said James, and against all other persons whatsoever, which succession, by an Act entitled "An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electoress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, being Protestants: and all those things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear according to the express words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever: and I do make this acknowledgment, recognition, abjuration, renunciation, and promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

I, *A. B.*, do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other Saint, and the sacrifice of the mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous: and I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me as they are commonly understood by Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

C. Fitz-Simon,
Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

24 May 1845.

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